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SENATOR GREGG HONORED BY DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS FOR LONG-TIME SUPPORT AND DEDICATION

MANCHESTER, N.H. -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) was honored today by the New Hampshire chapter of the Disabled American Veterans for his service, dedication and loyalty to the veterans community in the Granite State. Senator Gregg has supported many initiatives to improve the quality of life of veterans in New Hampshire and across the country, including: securing the assurances of the VA in 1999 that it would provide \$7.15 million to the State of New Hampshire for the construction of a 100-bed nursing home care addition to the State Veterans Home in Tilton; securing funding for several Community Based Outpatient Clinics for veterans, including one at Pease and in the North Country; and lending his support to several legislative measures to raise awareness of issues important to veterans, including cosponsoring a measure that will designate the week which includes Veterans Day as National Veterans Awareness Week, encouraging the Department of Education and the Department of Veterans Affairs to continue creating and expanding educational programs designed to increase awareness of the contributions made by veterans to preserve the American way of life.

Senator Gregg stated, "I am honored to receive this recognition by an organization that represents the men and women who have given so much to defend our way of life. Veterans across American answered the call when our nation needed them the most, and in turn, the federal government must uphold its end of the bargain by providing quality and accessible health care and working to improve their overall quality of life. I would like to thank the members of Disabled American Veterans here in New Hampshire for this award and I will continue to do my best to represent issues important to them in the United States Senate."

Commander Dr. Brian K. Matchett, Department of New Hampshire and Deputy Chief-of-Staff to National Commander DAV, stated, "Over the years, Senator Gregg has accomplished many great acts for our New Hampshire veterans community. We could write a book on Senator Gregg's efforts and accomplishments and New Hampshire is very lucky to have him."

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